

### Economic Impacts

Where there are foreseeable economic impacts, the environmental should discuss the following for each alternative:

- a) The economic impacts on the regional and/or local economy, such as: the effects of the project on development, tax revenues and public expenditures, employment opportunities, accessibility, and retail sales. If substantial impacts on the economic viability of affected municipalities are likely to occur, they should be discussed with a summary of efforts undertaken and agreements reached for using the transportation investment to support both public and private economic development plans. To the extent possible, this discussion should rely upon results of coordination with affected State, county, and city officials.
- b) The impacts on the economic vitality of existing highway-related businesses (e.g., gasoline stations, motels, etc.) and the resultant impact on the local economy.
- c) Impacts of the proposed action on established business districts and how the public and/or private sectors may be able to reduce or minimize such impacts. This concern is likely to occur on a project that might lead to or support large commercial development outside of a central business district.